Response to fifth round of NELP

2288. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI R. KAMRAJ:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fifth round of the New Exploration Licensing Programme (NELP) had an unprecedented response;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as many as 48 foreign and Indian companies had made bid for 20 oil and gas blocks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Under the fifth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V), 69 bids for 20 blocks (18 bids for 6 deep water blocks, 7 bids for 2 shallow water blocks and 44 bids for 12 onland blocks) were received. A total of 27 foreign companies and 21 Indian companies (8 public sector undertakings and 13 private sector undertakings) have submitted their bids. Awards have been made for 18 blocks as per details given in the Statement (*See* below). The Production Sharing Contracts will be signed with the awardee companies after finalisation of the PSCs. The target date for signing is 2nd October, 2005.

Statement

The Block-wise awardee of Exploration Blocks

Name of Block	Awardee
DEEPWATER BLOCKS	
KK-DWN-2003/1	Reliance Industries Ltd.
KK-DWN-2003/2	Reliance Industries Ltd.
KG-DWN-2003/1	Reliance Industires Ltd.-Hardy Exploration & Production India Inc.
MN-DWN-2003/1	Reliance Industries Ltd.-Niko Resources (NELP-V) Ltd.
AN-DWN-2003/1	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
AN-DWN-2003/2	ENI India Ltd.-Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.-Gas Authority of India Limited
SHALLOW WATER BLOCKS	
CB-OSN-2003/1	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

Name of Block	Awardee
GS-OSN-2003/1	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.-Cairn Energy (7)Ltd.
ONLAND BLOCKS	
AA-ONN-2003/3	Oil India Limited-Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
GV-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd. Cairn Exploration (No. 1) Ltd.-ONGC
VN-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Limited-Cairn Energy (6) Limited-ONGC
RJ-ONN-2003/1	ENI India Limited-Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.-Cairn Energy (2) Limited
RJ-ONN-2003/2	Phoenix Overseas Ltd.-Birckbeck Investment Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/1 Part-A & B	Reliance Industries Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/2	Gujarat State Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.-Gas Authority of India Limited-Jubilant Capital Pvt. Ltd.-Geo Global Resources Ltd.
DS-ONN-2003/1	Geo Global Resources
KG-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Limited-Cairn Energy (4) Limited-Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
CY-ONN-2003/1	Niko Resources (NELP-V) Ltd.

In respect of 2 blocks namely AA-ONN-2003/1 and AA--ONN-2003/2, certain representations raising legal issues have been received and they are being examined in the Government.

New oil reserve in Rajasthan

†2289. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new reserve of 2.5 billion barrels of oil has recently been found in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total reserve of oil so far found in the country including the said reserve;

(d) what has been the average production of domestic oil in the country during last three years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.